

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled).
2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) A process for preparing cooked rice in a package which comprises the sequential steps of:

washing long grain rice with only purified water;

coating the ~~washed~~ long grain washed with the purified water with a solution of emulsified oil;

removing the purified water from the long grain;

filling the coated long grain automatically in a heat-resisting plastic container;

repeating 4 to 10 times sterilization of the container filled with the long grain by applying high pressure steam at a temperature of 130° C-150° C and for 4 to 8 seconds each time;

cooking the long grain with a solution of emulsified oil as a liquid for cooking; and

sealing and packaging the resultant cooked rice.